

Dear Service Partner,

I am excited to launch an upcoming event to celebrate the spirit of national and community service in Vermont: The Art of Service. This event will showcase service-themed art from Vermont AmeriCorps\*State, AmeriCorps\*National, A\*VISTA, and Senior Corps members, program staff, alumni, and other community members. It will be held at the **State House Lawn** on Saturday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**, and will kick-off AmeriCorps week (9-15 May 2010). The event, sponsored by the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, will celebrate the accomplishments and ongoing service of Vermont's National service members, and the communities where they serve.

National Service members and alumni are encouraged to create art, of any medium, that symbolizes their experience serving Vermont communities; and others are encouraged to create art that captures their feelings about community service. All forms of artistic expression including visual art, poetry, stories, photographs, dance performance, and music will be included in the event.

As this event is an AmeriCorps event, all national service policies apply, so works will be screened prior to being displayed. To facilitate this process, I ask that you take a photograph, create a video, or scan a copy of the work into your computer and email to [americorps.artcelebration@gmail.com](mailto:americorps.artcelebration@gmail.com) by **May 1, 2010**. Once approved, artists will receive a waiver and instructions on displaying the original piece during the day of the event.

On the day of the event, visual arts and poetry will be displayed, and poetry readings, music performances, and dance performances will be scheduled throughout the afternoon. (Musicians should bring all necessary equipment.)

I hope that you will contact me with any questions you may have concerning the event, your members' participation, submissions, etc. I will be sending out more information soon, and I will be sending out notice of the event through the Vermont AmeriCorps Google Group. I would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word to your members, staff, alumni, and others. This is going to be quite a celebration!

Best,  
Tara Robinson  
VISTA Leader  
Vermont Youth Tomorrow